

## The Free Press.

## CITY AND VICINITY.

Hiram White has been elected fish warden in place of Ira Russell, resigned.

No living person ever celebrated Easter Sunday as late a date as it occurs this year, April 25.

Seven members of the Y. M. C. A. held services in the jail Sunday for the benefit of the inmates.

Captain E. J. Baldwin of the Williams reports business as very good for the opening of the season.

The Vermont Episcopal Institute has an Easter vacation until next Tuesday morning. The term closed Tuesday night.

The different church choirs are preparing elaborate programmes for Easter Sunday, which comes April 25.

The next attraction at the Howard Opera House will be Margaret Mather in "The Lady of Lyons," on the evening of May 1.

The water in the lake is five feet eight inches above low water mark according to the gauge at the Central Vermont depot.

Two large and brilliant weddings, to take place in early summer, will soon be announced in the fashionable world of Burlington.

The total expense of erecting the new bridge at Whinski was \$18,000, and of this sum Colchester has agreed to pay one-fifth, \$3,600.

Burlington has thus far contributed \$3,600 to the Parnell Parliamentary fund, the money being sent to the New York Star which carries it across the water.

A conference of delegates from Lewis and Middlebury colleges and the Y. M. C. A. met at the University Saturday to arrange for a Vermont college base ball league.

The yachting fever is running high and the prospect is there will be a boom in that sport this season. A number of new yachts are talked of and old yachts are being thoroughly overhauled in readiness for the summer campaign.

The new sprinkler of the Burlington Improvement company was tried Friday afternoon and it gave good satisfaction. The second sprinkler will be considerably larger than the one tried so that it can be driven through Church street one way and back without retreating.

Sunday being Palm Sunday, church services were blessed and distributed in the Catholic churches. The day is observed in commemoration of our Saviour's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, five days before his crucifixion, when the multitude strewed palm branches in the way.

The Williams came over from the harbor last Thursday and started out on her final trip to Plattsburgh. When opposite Appleton Point it was decided to return, so that the steamer's new coat of paint should not be unnecessarily scratched by the ice.

In 1884 the broad lake closed January 8 and opened April 19, remaining closed 102 days. In 1885 it closed January 29 and opened April 24; the ice remaining 55 days. This year the lake froze over January 19 and the ice went out April 15; the lake being closed 56 days.

Boats navigating the Champlain canal this season will be allowed draught of water as follows: Small boats going south, four feet six inches, and large boats, four feet two inches going north, two inches less for each class; loaded boats from the south to Colons, five feet.

The feast of the Passover which began on Monday evening is celebrated by the Jews of this city by reading the story of Moses and Pharaoh and the Hagode, a book of the Talmud. The feast is observed by the Jews to commemorate their deliverance from bondage, and during this feast they eat unleavened bread.

Nathan Parsons, the young man, who recently attempted to shoot himself in Williston, after having been rejected by a young lady, attempted to hang himself Thursday, but was prevented from carrying out his intention. A warrant was issued and he was brought to jail by the sheriff Saturday.

A man named Murray fell from the top of a tenement house, corner of Maple and Pine street, which he was painting, owing to the giving away of the ladder, and falling 35 feet, struck on his head. Dr. Lunsley dressed his wounds which consisted of several bad cuts around his head and face, and one hand is severely injured. He will recover it is thought.

The St. Joseph society at its meeting last week appointed A. H. Duhamel, Oliver de Varennes and Nere Giguere as delegates to the national French Canadian convention to be held at Rutland, June 22-25; and the society also voted to be present in a body for the celebration of St. John's day at the same place, June 24th. The society has now 150 members.

The steamer Williams reached Plattsburgh Monday without much difficulty. Considerable ice was encountered for two or three miles before reaching Plattsburgh, but none but what the steamer could plow through with comparative ease. Her regular trips are announced again at once and will be continued still further notice. The Vermont will commence running about the 1st of May.

The second meeting of the Sons of Veterans was held Tuesday evening with a full attendance. A committee was appointed to see about giving a war drama in the near future to start a fund for the camp. An adjournment was had until next Tuesday evening, when a considerable number of new members will be mustered in. The camp is starting off under favorable auspices and will undoubtedly receive all the encouragement that it so richly merits.

A woman sent word to Chief of Police Adair a few days ago from Plattsburgh asking for information of her daughter, aged 17, who left that place several months ago with one Robinson. Wednesday Deputy Sheriff Wheeler, while out on the plains, discovered her in destitute circumstances with scanty clothing and barefooted. She told him she had been obliged to pick May flowers to support her husband and his father and mother, together with four children of the latter. The case was taken in hand by the Howard Relief society.

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## THE FESTIVAL.

## Appointment of Chorus Committee.

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## Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers have been filed at the city clerk's office for record since our last report:

Susan Proctor and June McKenna to Susan Wardlaw, lot on the east side of Front street, consideration, \$1000.

Sarah L. Thayer to Josephine J. Hall, house and lot on the east side of Church street, consideration, \$800.

Henry Ballant to Rev. Genant Graves, house and lot on Colchester avenue, consideration, \$2000.

Moses and Aaron Spear to Freeman Salts, house and lot on the south side of Archel street, consideration, \$200.

T. H. Murphy to Alice Murphy, house and lot on the east side of Pitkin street, consideration, \$200.

## Arbor Day.

To the school officers, teachers and scholars of Vermont: The governor having set apart, by proclamation, Saturday, April 24th, as Arbor Day in this State, let us heed his timely suggestions, especially in regard to the grounds about our school houses. Many of them have been too long neglected. Let us improve and beautify them by planting trees and flowers. Let us make this a school holiday and celebrate it with appropriate exercises by the scholars, making it a day of pleasure for the children.

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Deacon J. B. Batchelder of St. Johnsbury says that Dr. McGee's treatment of Mrs. B. has been most satisfactory. She is in better health than when her treatment was ever expected to be.

## The Local Market.

Butter remains the same as last week. Eggs are lower. Sugar still has an upward tendency, but retail prices remain unchanged. Beef is firmer, but no change in retail prices. California hams and smoked shoulders are in market. Today's quotations are as follows:

## Fruits and Vegetables.

Fresh strawberries, 10 to 12 cents a quart. Cooking apples, 30 to 35 cents a peck. Bananas are 30 to 40 cents, a dozen. Lemons 30 to 40 cents a dozen. Florida oranges 40 to 45 cents a dozen. Valencia oranges are 15 to 20 cents per dozen. Figs are 20 to 30 cents a pound and dates 15 cents. Messina lemons are 25 to 40 cents a dozen, according to quality. Lettuce 5 cents a head. French pears are 12 to 20 cents a pound. Dried apples 6 to 8 cents a pound. Evaporated apples, 10 to 12 cents a pound. Berries 10 cents a bushel. Potatoes are 40 cents a bushel. Cabbages 4 to 5 cents a head. Beets 10 to 15 cents a peck. Turnips 15 cents a peck. Winter squash 4 cents a pound. Vegetable oysters 15 cents a bunch. Parsnips 3 cents a pound. Spinach, 65 cents a peck.

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The extraordinary recovery of L. R. McGee, Esq., of St. Johnsbury, under Dr. McGee's treatment was recently mentioned in these columns, but few cases so remarkable have been recorded. The case was a peculiar one, which ordinary medication failed to reach. He had become so much reduced, that he could scarcely move, and so emaciated that his weight was but ninety pounds. He was in a most phenomenal condition, and demonstrates that Dr. McGee's remedy is undergirded by medicines requiring in the present day, Mr. McGee's treatment that his weight to-day is 150 lbs., a gain of sixty pounds in a little over two months.

## NEVER EXPECTED TO BE SO WELL.

Deacon J. B. Batchelder of St. Johnsbury says that